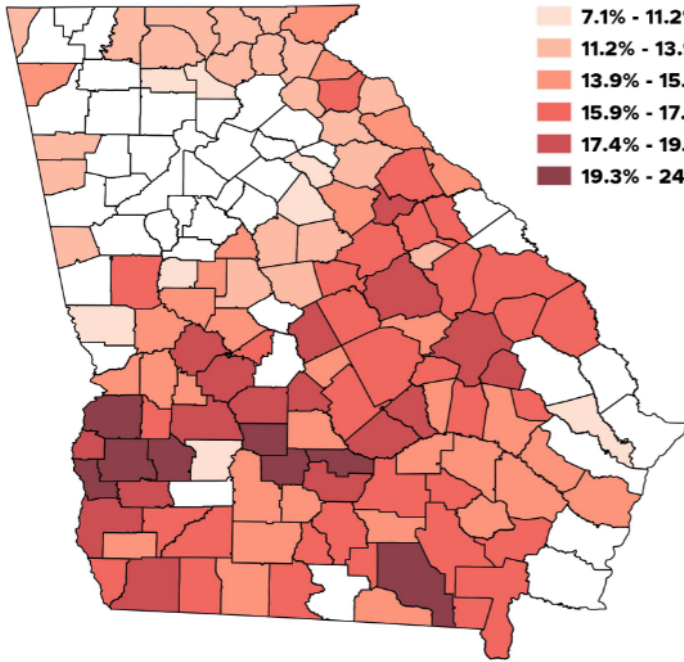
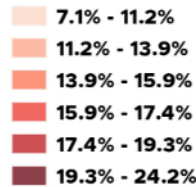


# The State of Rural Hunger in Georgia

118 Counties in Georgia are designed Rural. Food insecurity is 3.2 points higher in rural counties than in urban Georgia.

## Food Insecurity in Rural GA Counties

### Rural County Food Insecurity



## Georgia Food Insecure

1 in 8  
urban



1.25 in 8  
rural



Rural counties have:

- \$5.5 Million *less* budget, on average
- Worse common infrastructure
- More dispersed populations
- Difficult logistics

One of the many negative effects of food insecurity is poor academic performance

The rural average ACT score was 18.3 out of 36, which is...

- 2.1 points lower than the GA average
- 2.4 points lower than the national average

Rural is defined as population of less than 50,000 for the Rural Hospital Assistance Act of 2017.

[Georgia Office of Rural Health](#)  
[Feeding America's "Map the Meal Gap"](#)  
[Georgia Department of Education](#)  
[Tax and Expenditure Data Center for Georgia Local Governments \(TED\)](#)

## Rural County Food Insecurity Compared to the Urban Average

### Compared to Urban Average

